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SUBJECT: CYANIDE BARRELS ADRIFT GULF OF MEXICO

FOLLOWING SENT CCGDEIGHT NEW ORLEANS LA INFO COMDT  
COGARD WASHDC FROM USDAO MEXICO CITY 20 SEP 73  
(202345Z SEP 73); ALSO SENT AIG 8909 INFO SECSTATE WASHDC,  
NMCC (W HEM DESK) WASHDC, HQ USAF WASHDC FROM COMDT COGARD  
WASHDC 21 SEP 73 (210300Z SEP 73):

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SUBJECT: CYANIDE BARRELS ADRIFT GULF OF MEXICO

A. UR 200030Z SEP 73

B. OUR 122030Z SEP 73

1. BARRELS HAVE BEEN FURTHER DESCRIBED AS MEDIUM BLUE IN  
COLOR BUT SOMEWHAT DARKER THAN SEA WATER. THE TOP AND  
BOTTOM OF BARRELS (DRUMS) ARE THE SAME COLOR AS THE SIDE  
OF THE BARREL.

2. PARA 2B REF B WHICH STATES THAT CONTENTS ARE MARKED  
ON BARRELS IN WHITE STENCIL IS APPARENTLY INCORRECT. MEXICAN  
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MARITIME OFFICIALS IN MEXICO CITY WHO HAVE RECENTLY SEEN

BARRELS STATE THAT BARRELS HAVE WHITE PAPER LABELS PASTED ON THE SIDES. PAPER DESCRIBES CONTENTS AND FURTHER DEPICTS POISONOUS ASPECTS WITH SKULL AND CROSS BONES.

3. IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES OF MEXICO, WHO WAS CON-SIGNEE FOR SUBJ CHEMICALS, HAVE PHOTOGRAPHED SAME TYPE BARREL IN WAREHOUSE. THEY HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE ORIGINATOR WITH COLOR PRINT. UPON RECEIPT USDAO MEXICO WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DESCRIPTION. UNQUOTE RUSH

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